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32 ADDISON ROAD,

KENSINGTON, W.

Feb 22/05

My dear Mrs Fawcett.

~~I shall be delighted to dine  
as yr guest on Monday Apr-  
10<sup>th</sup> at the Banquet given by  
the Unionist Free Trade Club  
in the Hotel Cecil. It will be  
much interesting.~~

I am half dead fr. attending  
a tornado at No 6. this A.M.  
I was spokeswoman, of those who  
believe swanley cannot thrive

Miss W.  
with her as Principal. However,  
it ended in our all consenting  
to try again, & not break up, but  
we are all of us physical  
wrecks this afternoon! Don't  
say anything, as if from  
me. She is that fatal type  
of woman, jealous of power,  
& unable to delegate it.

However, if I had gone off as  
I wished all the Governors  
were going with me, & I feel

sure that we have injured  
Swanley, & I saw no reason  
to think our going wd improve  
matters, so we have all con-  
sented to stick to the ship,  
but the Shareholders warned  
Miss W. the next time wd  
be the end of it all. It has  
been a very trying business -

Yrs affly  
Francis Balfour

not without great  
humours!